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May 21, 2014

Department of General Services
Office of Legal Services
707 3rd Street, 7th Floor, Suite 7-330
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as official notification to the Department of General Services (DGS), The Place Making Group, and Augustineldeas of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's position in regards to Protest No. 14-045.

In Augustineldeas' letter of protest, dated April 23, 2014, Augustineldeas claims that The Place Making Group had access to their bid documents including budget/costs sheets. This is incorrect. The bids received from IFB-03, including budget/cost information, were not shared with any of the bidders. IFB-03 was cancelled and none of the documents were available for viewing.

Augustineldeas also claimed The Place Making Group did not follow the Award and Protest procedure outlined in the IFB-03 Section 4. This is also incorrect. Section 4 of IFB-03 states, "Within five (5) days after filing the initial protest, the protesting bidder shall file with the Department of General Services and the awarding agency a detailed written statement specifying the grounds for protest." The Place Making Group did file a written protest with DGS and we did receive a copy of their written statement. Please refer to Attachment 1. The number assigned for this protest is 14-029. We notified DGS that we were cancelling IFB-03 on 3/24/14 and asked them to dismiss the protest. Please refer to Attachment 2.

Augustineldeas also claimed that The Place Making Group has been in business as an agency for less than 10 years. The Place Making Group was established in 1983 (as Aviso, Inc.) and began working for Downtown Napa in 2005. The Place Making Group submitted a Summary of Qualifications showing they had at least 10 years of experience in branding, marketing plan development, and implementation. They provided three examples of this in the summary. Please refer to Attachment 3.

Regards,

Campbell Ingram
Executive Officer

cc: The Place Making Group
Augustineldeas



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June 6, 2014

Mr. Chris Conlin, Acting Deputy Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
Division of Boating and Waterways
One Capitol Mall - Suite 410
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Conlin,

Congratulations on your role as Acting Deputy Director for the Department of Boating and Waterways.

I have been working with your department since 2009 on the annual treatment plans for *Egeria densa* and Water Hyacinth in Discovery Bay and Bethel Island communities. Every year has proven to be successful thanks to the great leadership and the team your department has acquired. I want to thank your team for their support and ongoing efforts on behalf of the Delta and all who reside in our waterfront communities.

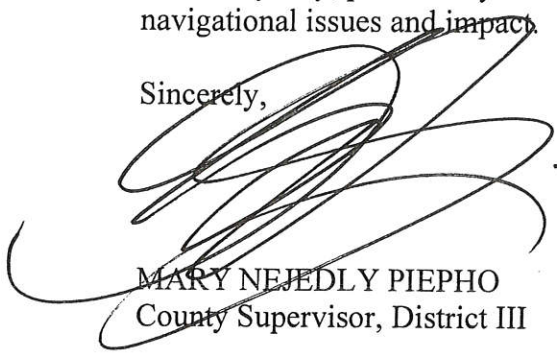
Despite previous conversations to the contrary, I just received notice from your department that Discovery Bay will not be included in the 2014 treatment plan for *Egeria densa* and ask that you reconsider Discovery Bay as part of your ongoing efforts. As noted, your scientists recognize *Egeria densa*'s continued presence in Discovery Bay and want to ensure it does not overtake the local community and bays like it did 3-4 years ago. Otherwise, the community will get out and harvest it themselves and that only exacerbates the problem and defeats everyone's interest and purpose.

I recently hosted a stakeholder meeting that included representatives from your agency along with multiple local, state and federal agencies to work on a Delta wide effort regarding invasive weeds. Your continued presence and support is critical to this effort. We have and will continue to work to help you, help us. In this spirit, I hope the Department of Boating and Waterways will come out to the community to discuss your 2014 treatment plan.

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I again respectfully request you reconsider your treatment plan and include Discovery Bay, particularly the areas where it is highly visible and presenting navigational issues and impact.

Sincerely,



MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO
County Supervisor, District III

*We need
your help!
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